THE GRANGER VICTORY.

It was an honest Granger.
With a hard and horny hand;
His hair was thick with hayseed,
And his face was seamed and tanned;
a bootlegs sagged with overalls, his boots were
full of sand;
this heart was overflowing, he made a justificial

But his heart was overflowing, he made a joyful He relied and yawped continually "Hurrah for

If 'twant against my principles d start out on a bat; or more than five-and-thirty year ve been a democrat, ha' bet a quarter section against a plat.

crow hat
That I wouldn't have the luck to live to see the
happy day
When the Democratic ticket would win in Ioway

"We give the grand old party
Such a rattling of dry bones,
Such a shaking up and raking down,
And joiting over stones.
That I guess they won't forget it nor let up with

their means.

For the way the Grangers smashed 'em and knocked their ticket flat,

And put in Uncle Horace Boies, the Granger

"Bill Allison and all his men
Are suffering from a scare;
Some on 'em feel like bawling,
And more would like to swear;
For they've found out that we farmers with hayseed in our hair.
Are going to stick tegether and have somewhat to it who shall be Governor of the state of

"There's a little old hard cider
Left in the cellar yet;
We put it where the constables
Couldn't sneak it out, you bet;
I'll draw a pitcher un it and our Grang A health to Un le Horace Boies, whom we've put in the tore nor's chair; I hurrah .e. us, the Grangers, with hayseed in

JAMES PINK'S LAST ILLUSION.

"It is, I suppose, as likely to come to anything as any of your previous-fascinations. You are certainly an odd person,

"Oh, no, Maria; this is quite different. I I assure you I have learned caution with experience; and if the world has taught me no other lesson, it has taught me that the eyes of a man are really the least trustworthy of the faculties with which he has been endowed."

a grandmother over and over again. She tricked you as easily as if you had been a babe, what with her paint and powder, false hair and false teeth. And I can't say you did vourself credit when you vowed to me that you were about to offer your hand and what remained of your heart to a person who proved to be two-thirds bereft of her wits. I don't know which county asylum she now resides in, but I dare say you know; and, indeed, knowing you as I do, it really would not surprise me to be told that you were still in correspondence with her, There's one thing: The letters on either side would have about an equal share of sense in them."

"You are too monstrous, Maria, to go on in that way," protested James.

"And now," continued his sister, "you come with a fresh story about a siren sitting somewhere at the receipt of custom, with the loveliest complexion you ever beheld, and a demeanor the perfection of modesty, simplicity and grace. A deal you know about complexions; though I warrant if it is given to men to know the qualities they most excel in, you ought to be a remarkable judge of the creature's simplicity." who proved to be two-thirds bereft of her

riodically fell in love. He was accompanied by his sister, Maria, a lady of forty-five to fifty, who sympathized with none of her brother's 'astes. Least of all was she by nature disposed to view charitably his love fancies. In fact, they caused her intense irritation. Why this should have been so, we cannot tell. But the truth was that no sooner did her brother begin, timidly enough, one or the other of his stories about a new impression made upon his riodically fell in love. He was

as a political minister might behave to a small suitor who pestered him with demands in the midst of his business, but who were at breakfast in the Hotel Vesuve. It did not come out pointblank. James had trifled with his egg in a nervous manner, and his sister had asked him what ailed him. She was so positive that the drains of the hotel were out of order, and that her brother's trouble was due to blood-poisoning or fever in its embryone stage, that he repeated this iniquity, she was resolved to cause a scene, in public or private. off again with a cigarette in his mouth. Had he repeated this iniquity, she was resolved to cause a scene, in public or private, it did not matter which. But no. With an air of philosophic abstraction that proclaimed his peace of mind, he had followed contentedly at her her heels when she had that the affair had gone too deep to be removed by the first charge of ridicule, she tried satire and informal abuse. And she was not a little astonished when she found that for once her brother was able to stand against all her weapons and all her capietries. There was teat in the eyes of James Pink which made her darts glance from him and leave him untouched.

"I tell you what, James; I think we had better go to Capir at once. I find Naples quite oppressively hot. We will take the boat to-morrow appraise." She said this as though her suggestion were a decision which could not be contested.
Her brother, however, was equal to the situation. "It would be inconvenient for me, dear Maria, just at present. Next week would be much better. Then I should be able to place myself entirely at your disposal."

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This sounds very trivial. But you should exclaimed Miss Pink. "I will not be inter-

have seen the look which she cast upon her brother ere she left him, and you should have seen the lady's demeanor as she turned to go. There was something terribly imperious about one and the other alike. And the other people in the hotel, who were witness of the departure, at once assumed that James and his sister were an ill-mated man and wife, and that James deserved the utst compassion that man or woman may

Left alone, however, James Pink showed Left alone, however, James Pink showed none of the depression of the man who is in chains to his wife, and who has just had a new bond of pain set upon him. He watched his sister depart as if she was somebody else's sister, and not his Maria. Then, with the same look of elation which had perplexed and disturbed Miss Pink, he challenged the room to convict him of had perplexed and disturbed Miss Pink, he challenged the room to convict him of aught akin to misery. Moreover, her called for the waiter, and gave certain orders about the evening's dinner in a tone of resolution that raised him tenfold in the waiter's esteem, and altered the opinion which the other guests in the hotel had casually formed about him.

Nor was this the limit of his metamorphosis. He asked for cigarettes—a pernicious invention which hitherto he had been content to execrate. And, having allowed the waiter to light one for him, while he

the waiter to light one for him, while he held it in his mouth, he left the room with course speaking in metaphor-banners

flying.

Miss Pink was stupefied to see her brother pass into the hall of the hotel smoking a cigarette. She had left the door of the ladies' room open on purpose that she might estimate exactly the acuteness of the suffering she had caused James by the manifestation of her displeasure; that she might see him in his despondency as soon as possible him in his despondency as soon as possible and, perhaps there and then, make propos-als for reconciliation. And this was what met her eyes. But ere she could recover her equanimity, her brother had disap-peared. A whist of smoke was all that re-mained of him. It was very delicate, aro-matic smoke; but did that make the sin

any the less flagrant?

In the meantime James Pink was walking towards the city. He was hailed by countless carmen, who cracked their whips at him and cried "Di?" (I say!) in the cool way that is characteristic of the Neapolitan jarvey. There was no doubting his nationality. His sait proplained it no less then jarvey. There was no doubting his nationality. His gait proclaimed it, no less than his broad, red innocent face, and his white hat above. And who but and Englishman of James Pink's type, or a German of the burgher class, would have gone about the fashionable part of Naples with a large umbrella of green silk with a white lining? But of this and the kindred distractions of the streets our friend took no beed. He walked with an air of absorption. "What nonsense! As if you are ever likely to come to such a pitch of wisdom. Why, it was but last year, at Oban, you remember, that you fell in love with a woman who was a grandmother over and over again. She

is contentment to ectasy.

It was marvellous to see with what skill It was marvellous to see with what skill this man, ordinarily the perfection of clumsiness, found a safe path between the noses of the horses of the different cars which, at the crossing by the palace and the theatre San Carlo, hotly competed for his passage. And it was equally wonderful that he could go at the pace he did with so hot a sun in the heavens. But in truth James Pink had that within him which made him indifferent to externals. There was a fair portrait in his mind, which attracted all his ener gies, mental and physical, as a loadstone gathers to itself environing shreds of steel.

gies, mental and physical, as a loadstone gathers to itself environing shreds of steel. And the god Cupid, who generally knows what he is about, though some hold him to be blind, protected him through all the dangers which encompassed him.

Where the road widened into a spacious public square, the lawyer abruptly turned west and left it. The sea was again before him, blue and radiant. Beyond was the white fringe of the myriad of houses which bind the Bay of Naples like a snowy mirage of sand. And over the houses swelled Vesuvius, clear and entrancing on this bright suvius, clear and entrancing on this bright day; methodically puffing its smoke towards the purple shadow of the island of Capri, a light sketch on the horizon. Closer at ity."

It was in this way. James Pink who was a country lawyer under no obligation to work for a livelihood passed three or four months of each year of his life in travelling about the world. During his travels he periodically fell in laws. He was account the piers as convenient to the periodical travels as the periodical trav he piers as convenient tether for the har-

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forgot herself as to omit to use her salts while she inspected through her glasses the details of the curious scene.

"For my sake, don't let us stay here," she would remark to her brother. "There's typhus in the air upon this spot, if typhus exists anywhere."

Imagine, then, this poor lady's disquietued when one morning her brother announced to her, with sufficient timidity and humility, indeed, that he was enamoured to her with a certain amount of condescension. humility, indeed, that he was enamoured afresh—this time of a woman resident in the city, which appalled her so much from a social aspect.

The declaration was made while they

rupted! Who is she, I say? Tell me at once where I may find the creature, and put an end to the tragedy; for it is tragic, indeed, in its effect upon your heart, James, which I had come to regard as soft, tender

which I had come or regard as sort, center and humane."

"Maria," said James Pink, benignly, when his sister paused, "I do not admit that there is reason in your; plea but let that pass. The attachment is of the purest—the most Platonic kind. I have never stood within twenty paces of—of this divine be-ing—"

And yet you are fool enough to suppos one of nature's beauties," observed Miss Pink.

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"It is my turn to cry 'Be silent!' Maria," replied James Pink. "It is trifling with the highest, the noblest of human sentiments, thus to cast cold water upon the blossoms of hope. You shall see her for yourself, sister. That will assuage your enmity, if anything will."

"I can quite believe it," said Miss Pink "Nothing could please me more. The sooner the affair is ended, the sooner we shall re turn to our earlier and more comfortable condition as an affectionate brother and an

condition as an affectionate brother and an affectionate sister, each anxious only to promote the other's happiness."

"Hum!" murmured the lawyer, stroking his chin, and with, for the moment, a recurrence of the light in his eyes.

"Go to bed, James," said Miss Pink abruptly; "we have had enough excitement for one day."

Without another word, and with but a

Without another word, and with but a single kiss of salutation, James Pink took up a candle and went off to bed. He dream-ed for eight hours of his fair one, and awoke the next morning still with exultation

his heart.

Miss Pink on her part sat and read for an hour and a half after she had wished her brother "Good-night," and retired, confident that she had the reins of victory once

again in her sinewy, firm hands,
"Well?" she said, when they sat opposite
to each other at breakfast again. "I see,
James, that you are still a little foolish.
Let us get the illusion over without loss of
time."

"The illusion, indeed," said James Pink indignantly. "I am going there immediately after breakfast. If you choose you may company me."
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"I ask for nothing better," remarked Miss Pink, with emphasis. She straightway left the room, and ere James had rid himself of the fears which came upon him with his sister's words of acquiescence in his impetuous proposal, she had returned, bonneted and gloved, and carrying in her hand a red parasol with a long stout stick. Humbly, for anxiety oppressed him and a sense of approaching evil, James Pink left the hotel with his sister. They walked in silence. Ere long the music of the distant orchestra was audible. James held his head up. "Be patient, Maria," he pleaded. "We are nearly there."

"I am glad to hear it," was her reply. "The sun is insufferable; and it is due to your absurdity that we are risking our lives

your absurdity that we are risking our lives beneath it." "And so this is your innamorata!" re-marked Miss Pink when, at James' invita-tion, she had seated herself on the marble

bench.

"Yes, I confess it; and I am proud of the attachment. It ennobles me," said James.

Miss Pink put up her glasses, the better to view the action and countenance of the beautiful Italian; then she dropped them, and looked at her brother in a manner he will never forget. "You must allow me to break my promise." she said. She rose, approached the show, advanced into the vestibule, where stood the orchestra, the woman who received the money, the siren of the music herself. Disregarding the outstreatched hand of the one woman who demanded the entrance fee, Miss Pink stepped up to the other woman, examined her closeup to the other woman, examined her closely, touched her, and turned away. "You are certainly the most consummate fool on the face of the earth. James," she said frigidly, when she rejoined her brother, who had hurried after her. "You must take to spectacles, the creature is way." Champeter of the said from the control of the creature is way." spectacles; the creature is wax."—Chambers's Journal.

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